

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. 4660

### 1. Name

Historic 1800-1836 North Bethel Street  
and / common

### 2. Location

street & number 1800-1836 North Bethel Street  
city, town Baltimore  
state & zip code Maryland 21205 county

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property

name  
street & number telephone  
city, town state & zip code

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Land Records liber  
street & number Clarence Mitchell Courthouse folio  
city, town Baltimore State Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title  
date federal state county local  
depository for survey records  
city, town state & zip code

## 7. Description

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check One

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check One

☒ original site  
☐ moved:  
 date of move: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This row of nineteen houses with shed roofs and sheet metal and stepped brick cornices were built in 1896 by Steptoe Hutt, a prolific builder of working class houses in East Baltimore. Many of the houses retain their original brick facades, which were painted. Since the use of wood was outlawed for cornices in 1892, sheet metal and stepped-back bricks became the predominant materials used. Without the wide first floor windows and more highly articulated brick cornice of the houses he built on the east side of Bethel and along both sides of Eareckson Place, this row represented the plainer version of this 1890s style of vernacular Queen Anne rowhouse.

The houses are two stories in height, 12' wide (14' and 13' for the end houses) and occupy lots 73' deep. Each house is three small rooms deep and there is no back building. The houses are constructed in running bond and were painted. Each house has a single hooded chimney located near the front and rear of the house. The shed roof is capped by a continuous sheet metal and stepped brick cornice composed of a sheet metal crown molding set above two rows of stretcher bricks above three more rows of progressively recessed stretchers.

The door and window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels and wood sills. All sash were originally 2/2, but few examples remain. The wide basement window has paired sash set beneath a segmental arch composed of two rows of headers. The doorways have single-light transoms and show a variety of replacement door types. The original doors may have resembled a survivor at 1828 Bethel St.—a six light upper section set above two long vertical panels. The houses sit on fairly low basements. Each front door is reached by three concrete steps.

### 3. Significance

Period	Area of significance	check one & justify			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other: specify	

**Specific dates** 1896

**Builder/Architect** Steptoe Hutt

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This group of houses is significant in that it represents the level of architectural stylishness achieved by many builders of small street houses in the late nineteenth century. The houses were built by Steptoe Hutt, a fairly prolific Baltimore builder, according to a pattern that was quite common to the city's working class neighborhoods of the period c. 1880 to 1910. Recognizing that workers held different levels of jobs (and pay), builders created a hierarchy of two-story house sizes (and prices) in the new neighborhoods going up to serve the expanding factory districts ringing the harbor and north-east of the central city. Builders like Hutt acquired anywhere from an eighth to a half of a city block and built 14' to 15'-wide two-story houses on the main streets, and smaller, 11' to 13'-wide two-story houses on the narrower streets bisecting the blocks.

In this particular case Hutt built ten two-story, three-bay wide houses on the north side of Lafayette Street which he sold for \$1600 (with a \$46.50 ground rent), four two-story 13'8"-wide houses on the east side of Bond, which sold for \$1,450 (with a \$44 ground rent), as well as all of the houses on Bethel St. and Eareckson Place. These houses on the east side of Bethel sold for \$700 (with a \$36 ground rent) in 1896. Whereas the main street houses sold mainly to owner-occupants, the Bethel St. and Eareckson Places houses sold to a mix of owner-occupants and investors.

## 9. Major Bibliographic References

Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, *The Baltimore Rowhouse*  
(New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 1999)

## 10. Geographic Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Verbal boundary description and justification

## 11. Form Prepared by

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# PLATE 9

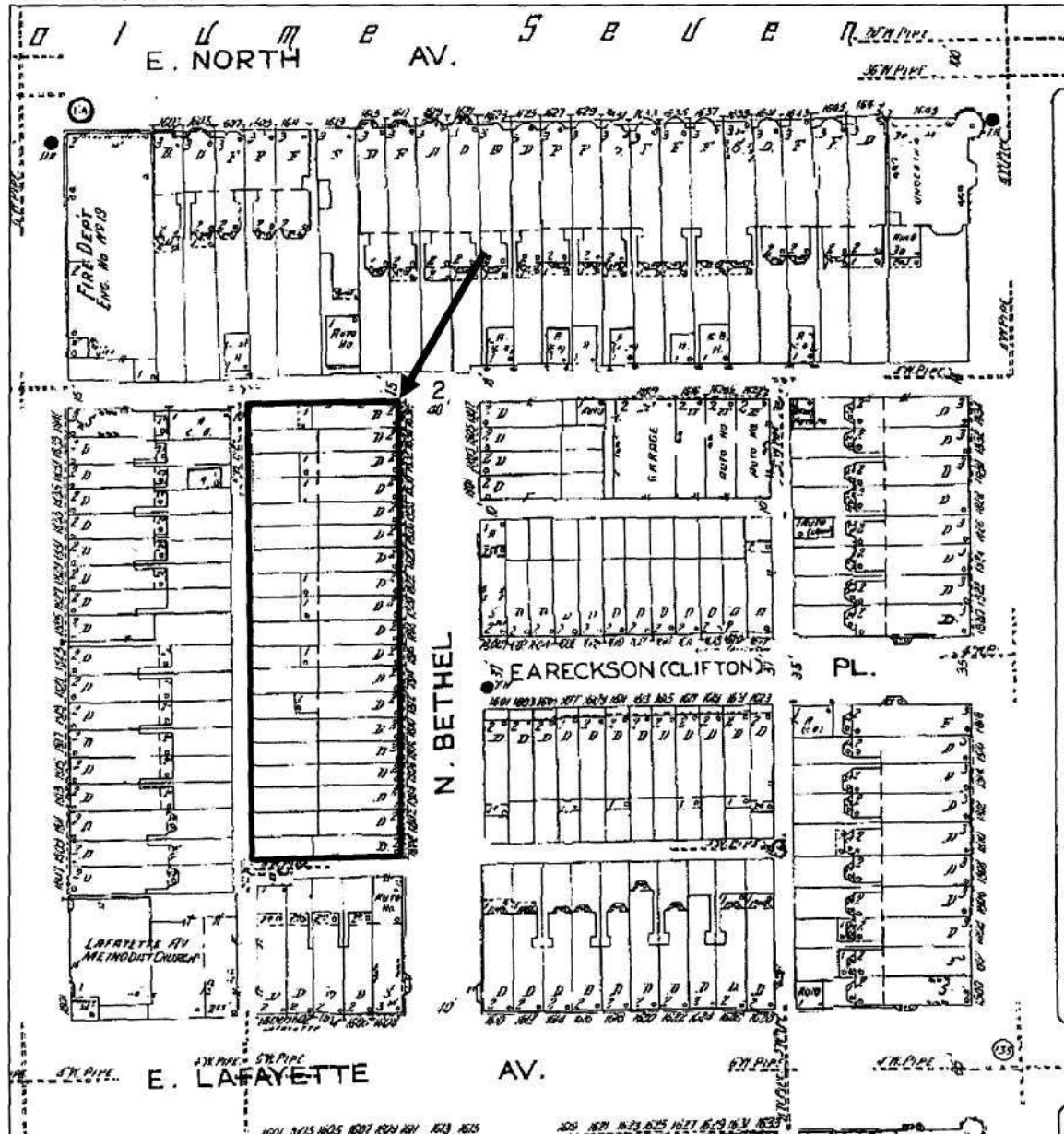


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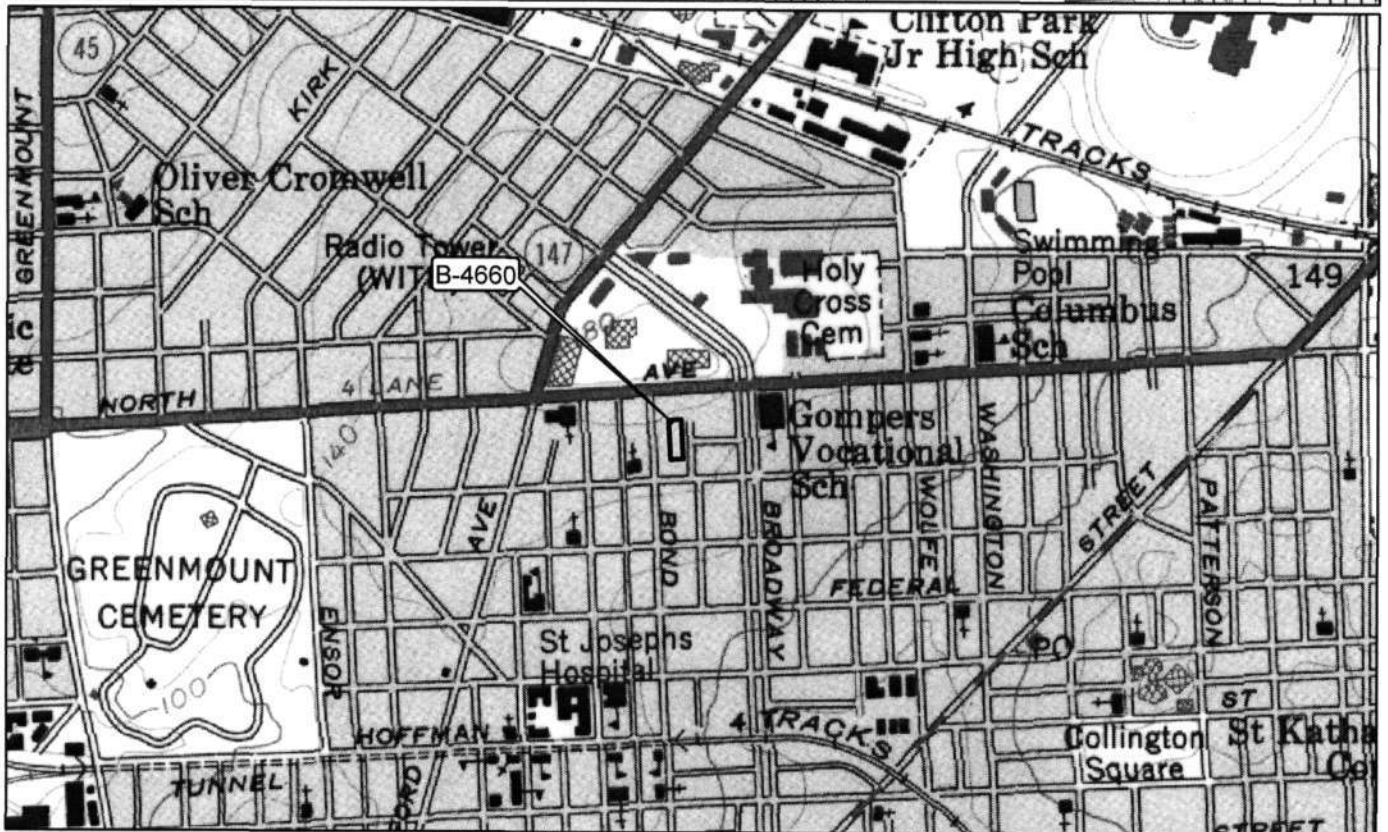
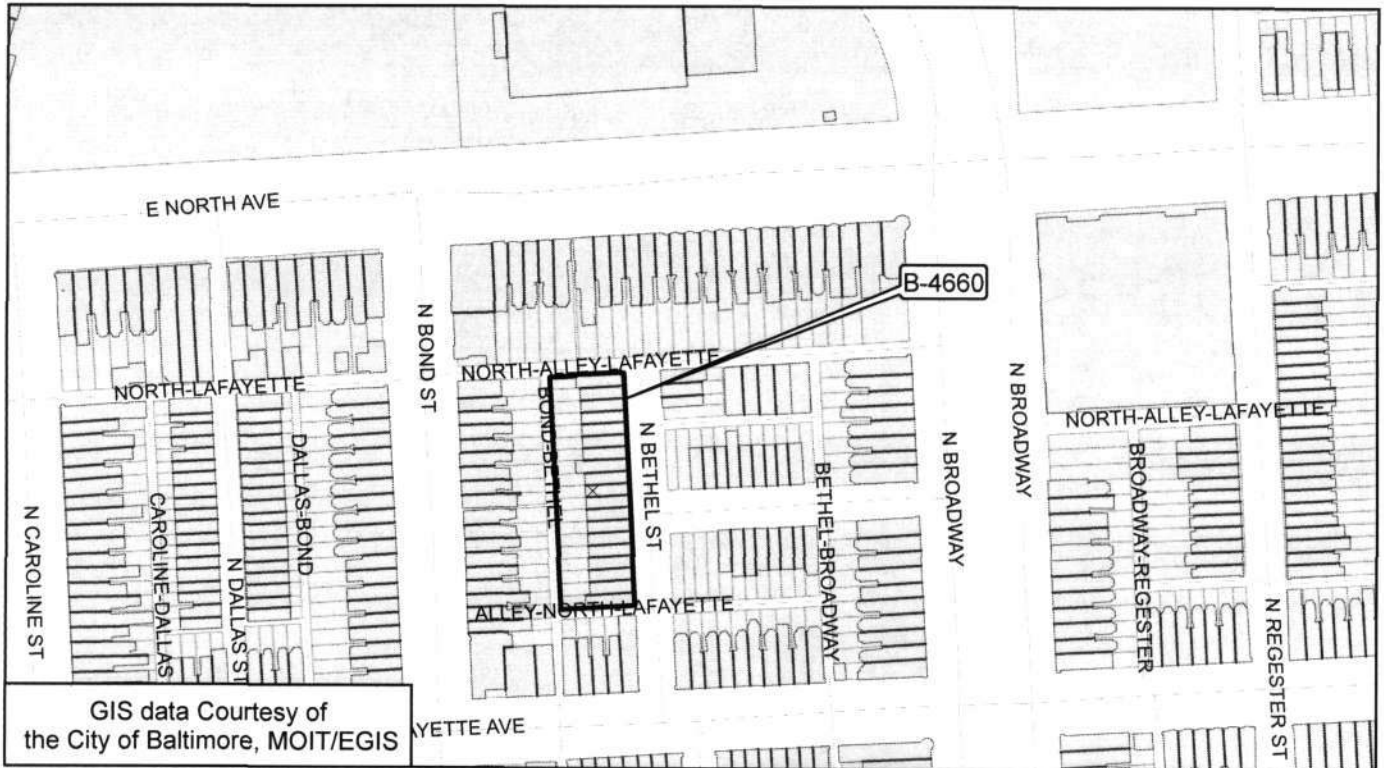
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1800-1836 N. Bethel Street  
Block 1102, Lots 080-098  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.

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